

Community Input Meeting – City of Sunnyvale – 04/20/06

Background

- Informal access to Caltrain; over the years the fence goes back up and off again
- Jack gave an overview of the project site.
- Legal ways to get to the Sunnyvale Caltrain station

Primary Issue

-“Hole in the fence” is not formalized and recognized and approved by Caltrain even though it’s very convenient to walk across to the Caltrain station and downtown.

Number of Issues Prevented Improvements:

CPUC’s policy to discourage Caltrain to add RR crossings, Ped safety, and long term planning issues; Caltrain wants to put their resources on their patrons.

Need input from the community if there is an access on Hendy Ave.

Community Input, Part 1

-Jerry Cook, resident on Frances Ave: “disappointed that this community meeting is leaning toward pedestrians having open access to the existing station, speedy cars on Hendy Ave, and no street parking for the residents, safety issue (e.g. vandalism).”

-Jacob, resident on Frances: “yes there are speedy cars and no street parkings for the resident but we can resolve the issues by installing speed bumps or/and stop signs. We want to encourage everyone to take the train.”

-Engineering consultant, used to live in the area. He proposed to use speed bump, curb and ramp to solve the speedy problem on Hendy Ave. As for the parking issue, the consultant proposed to use the empty parking lot that’s under N. Mathilda Ave.

-A resident commented to put the hole back; it’s been there for 30 years

-Sharron, local resident: “didn’t notice the trash on the street, wanted a ramp to downtown and caltrain station.”

-Retired resident: “An access is helpful, to be fair, he would like to hear from Caltrain.”

-Resident lived in the area for 3 years: “Great access to downtown, easy commute to Palo Alto. Mathilda Ave. is steep and hard to cross. Sunnyvale crossing is hard to cross with wheel chairs and strollers.

-Local resident: “Love the easy access to downtown.”

- Local resident: "Traffic is always going to be there. Can control it by traffic calming."
- Local resident: "We need to encourage mass transit."
- Local resident/bicyclist: "Bike to station, travel path from Sunnyvale Ave to Evelyn Ave is not bicycling friendly."
- Old resident: "Love the hole in the fence. PUC and Caltrain consider the hole is less safe. Then Caltrain should improve the access. The existing RR crosswalks are not safe. Open access requires less driving (which is also good for the environment). Maybe the City should enforce parking regulation on Hendy then it will solve the parking problem."
- Ray Hall (resident): "If the city is going to keep the access open, please enforce permit parking on the resident side (for Hendy Ave)."
- Local resident: "Everyone is rushing to get to work in the morning. 10 minutes to walk around the station is a long time."
- Local resident: "With the fence up, people don't want to pay for parking. They are walking along the tracks to get to the station. She enjoys the short walk to downtown."
- Local resident: "People can drive to the parking garage and not take up local residents' parking space. Open "hole" so people will stop walking along tracks."
- Local resident: "Close hole in the fence will stop people from going to downtown."
- Local resident: "Parking needs to be addressed. Love people walking by her house."
- Local resident (Caltrain user): "Stopped taking train at night. Don't want to cross Sunnyvale Ave at night. I don't see pedestrians littering as they walk to the station. People drop trash from their cars. Bottom line, I want to continue to use Caltrain for commute. Yes for access."
- Local resident: "Walks a lot to downtown. Assuming the project goes on, let's have a separate meeting regarding parking issues."
- Jack W. stated that the City is prepared to answer the parking issue separately. The City does have traffic calming process.
- Local resident: "Traffic issue, let's add speed bump."
- Local resident (10 yrs resident): "Within two days with the fence back up, it divided the community."
- Local resident (scientist): "PUC approved the at-grade crossing last June. Let's get it done ASAP."

-Local resident: "Yes on the ramp. Let's add some trash receptors on the street to solve the trash on the streets."

-Local resident: "Yes on ramp, no on speed bumps. Speed bumps will slow down the emergency vehicles."

-Local resident: "People are driving around 40 MPH on Hendy Ave. Let's add some speed bumps."

-Local resident: "People drive fast on Hendy Ave no matter what. We don't need Mathilda Ave access if the hole is open."

Chuck (representing Caltrain): Parking structure is 80% full. As soon as we add two more tracks, we are going to have an underpass or an overpass for ped access. Short term plan is to maintain the at-grade crossing. Can't open up the fence for access now. It's in violation of ADA.

Target June 13th to go to City Council. City Council will have a chance to hear the opposing side.

Community Input, Part 2

- Local resident: "Save concrete, reduce pink area."

- Local resident: "Have two ramps instead of one ramp and one staircase."

- Local resident: "Don't eliminate any trees."

- Local resident: "Add downtown lighting and add landscaping."

- Local resident: "Make it easy for bicyclists to zoom by"

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Singul - County Input utty

Attorney POT

Paula Williams

See Prompt slide.

And Harry

Jim Hines

Shouldn't there be a Handy tree access?

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Emily Ho

1. 158 N. Frances - PARKING, SPEEDWAYS, SAFETY - AGAINST.

2. 117 N. Frances - TRAIN USER - TRAFFIC/SPEEDING, ^{PERMIT} PARKING,

- 3/4 way SW, INTERLOCKED, SPEED BUMP - FOR

3. BICYCLE USER - ^{RAISED} ENDS - RAISED speed bump (HUMP) - AC, w/

AC Ramp; 2nd crossing to cross Middle

for AC parkade. FOR

4. Put H2O tank in fence - access to Murphy. - FOR

5. 158 Frances - Ms. Cook - close (AGAINST)

- who will maintain area? PAPER PARKING?

6. 288 Frances - no Ad's trash - ok for pkg. - FOR

7. work by Lily's across from - use ex OC - not good. - FOR

8. user - returned - access road, hear from Colman

9. ^{Basic} Bole's Room - ADA access #1 issue, lawn ramp - FOR

10. 343. Denton Ave - Train user, Denton user, stolen access,

Middle Ave OC NOT SAFE TRASH, SUGGESTION.

Utility pole on Singul Ave in sidewalk

why Red curb @ "hole in fence" - FOR

11. 194 N. Taylor - Train, Denton user - "the way to domain" - FOR

12. Hasbrouck - wife wants for Rule 11b Traffic Calm - FOR

13. 295 N. McManus - no blockage to Train station - FOR

14. 183 N. Murphy - split user - Bke user - FOR

15. user (Gunnerville) - Singul TRUCKS - split trucks - 4 BAR

- Keep Fence open - FOR

16. neighborhood - existing crossings difficult - WALK ACCESS - FOR

17. - Ball only @ Murphy Park

18. - Lynch Road PKG lot - open to winter!

19. Handy/France - Parking limits - not natural - Permit PKG

along Resident side - ok for reg. pkg. on train side. FOR?

20. user - keep hole in fence - FOR

21. 260 Block N. Murphy - ^{Parking} with slay trucks up hole in fence - FOR

22. - close pkg on Handy - Permit only - FOR

23. - close gate pkg on Handy - Permit only - Patterns would

along Trucks! - FOR

24. Neighbor - keep hole in fence - Denton user - FOR

25. 100 Block N. Murphy - enjoy people walking - Permit parking - FOR

26. 234 N. Murphy - Train user - LIGHTING, SAFETY! TRASH

from DRIVERS. FOR ^{PKG} Encourage Garage user

27. Laura Stachursky - Train user - Parking issue - Speed utty? FOR

28. Handy/Traffic - see later slides - ^{Ped} access to Denton (Curb)

speed bump (hole) vs. Butts dots. - FOR

29. Susan Bole's room - less open traffic issue - over cop garage house

Permit pkg. corner speeds - FOR

30. IE cut off - inevitable that bike will stay (no-gon).
31. Pump-type bike trail w/in Culbren Road.
32. neighbor - Rte divider community - keep use of Safe Crossing - FOR
32. Assist ASD - bus access - N cars, N-1 space. 3 speed bike
Mr. Whitten on Blair - no problems, 4' fence a barrier -
Title 2 (ADA) access. PUC Main Rules - apply 1 yr
ago. FOR 9 Business Days
34. Pump - paved path - trash receptacles (2-3) - FOR
35. For ramp - light speed bike - Red push button flashing
lights. - FOR (light crosswalk)

What would access look like? Features, location

1. WIDE PLATFORM, proximity to PKT w/in PATHFINDER
2. Speed bump!
3. Speed bump - signifiers of going - Don't block Middle ^{or} Post
4. Wide crosswalk - wide than std.

Chloe Harvey - Culbren

1. 4 track → undercrossing
2. PUC → retain as crossing - Culbren is ok
3. Culbren - City - USA -
4. Funding - keep it simple

Chair gone now → violation ⁴ Title 2 / ADA access.

City Council - June 13, 2006 → Accelerate mtg.

Under foot art → For Acct work

Cons. Time - 2-3 hrs - sound copying, handwritten, present/fab,
lighting.

Design → pathing directly to Pedgates

- min connect
- Separate bike path
- hooded light
- keep trees! No cuts
- Culbren access - Ticket vending machine → Bikes →
mini. vehicles
- old fashion lamp posts.
- Corrugated structure

Stirrup Roll - Support - many, many
oppose - 1